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SUBJECT: CONGEN OFFICE SPACE IN LUANDA

REF:A)COPENHAGEN 4571; B)COPENHAGEN 4644

1. DEPT HAS LEARNED INFORMALLY FROM OUR FSL IN LUANDA
THAT THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR, ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM
ROME, CALLED THE VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO
DISCUSS THE STATUS OF OUR OFFICE SPACE. THE AMBASSADOR
WAS TOLD THAT THE ANGOLAN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION NEED-
ED THE SPACE AND THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO MOVE. HE ADDED
THAT THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE URGENCY AND THE GOA WOULD
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE A WAREHOUSE IN WHICH THE US COULD STORE
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THE FURNITURE NOW IN THE CONGEN. THERE DID NOT APPEAR TO
BE ANY POSSIBILITY THAT THE GOA WOULD RELENT.

2. INASMUCH AS WE DO NOT YET HAVE AN OFFICIAL REPLY FROM
THE GOI ON THEIR AMBASSADOR'S EFFORTS, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD
NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO THE

DANES, DUTCH OR ITALIANS AT THIS TIME.

3. ACTION REQUESTED - COPENHAGEN: IF MFA OFFERS TO SEND
A MESSAGE TO THE GOA ON OUR BEHALF, EMBASSY SHOULD EXPRESS
OUR APPRECIATION BUT SUGGEST THEY MAY WISH TO DELAY

DOING SO FOR A SHORT TIME AS WE EXPECT WE WILL SOON HAVE
A FURTHER INDICATION OF GOA'S VIEWS ON MATTER. IF MFA
HAS DECIDED IT CANNOT FURTHER INVOLVE ITSELF IN THE
MATTER, EMBASSY SHOULD EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTAND-
ING OF THEIR POSITION AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR ATTENTION.
IN ANY CASE EMBASSY CAN INDICATE WE MAY BE IN TOUCH WITH
SECIL IN LUANDA, AND POSSIBLY WITH SEGUIRA IN LISBON,
ON OBTAINING ALTERNATE WAREHOUSE SPACE IF GOA IS UNABLE
TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FACILITIES.

4. NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED BY OTHER ACTION ADDRESSES
AT THIS TIME.
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